

Grants will fund 50 salaries, preventing police layoffs and filling vacancies.

(Washington, DC)— Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Wisc.) today announced that the Milwaukee Police Department will receive \$10,298,750 in grants through Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program. These Recovery Act funds will create and preserve 50 law enforcement jobs in Milwaukee. Rep. Moore helped pass the Economic Recovery Act in February to create jobs, bolster the country's infrastructure and improve the health of the economy.

"Keeping enough qualified law enforcement officers on the job is so important to the safety and stability of our community," Congresswoman Moore said. "And with states and local budgets stretched so thin, these Recovery Act funds will prevent police layoffs and fill vacancies that the city of Milwaukee did not have the money to staff."

The COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) will provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for three years. The funds will pay for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions – including filling existing, unfunded vacancies. The program can also pay for rehired officers who have been laid off or are scheduled to be laid off on a future date as a result of local budget cuts.

The funding will provide much needed support to state and local government budgets and will help the nation's law enforcement agencies add and retain the manpower needed to fight crime more effectively through community policing.

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